

**641—106.5(144) Provider codes.** The department shall assign a code to any health care provider who may be required to report a termination under this chapter. An application procedure shall not be required for assignment of a code to a health care provider.

A health care provider shall assign a report tracking number which enables the health care provider to access the patient's medical information without identifying the patient. The report tracking number shall be maintained by the provider for a period of six months after the end of the calendar year.

To ensure proper performance of the reporting requirements under this chapter, it is preferred that a health care provider who practices within a hospital, clinic, or other health facility authorize one staff person to fulfill the reporting requirements.